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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
5 AT SEATTLE

6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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8 Plaintiff, )

9 v. )

10 CHARLES ROLAND CHEATHAM, et al., )

11 Defendants. )  
12 )

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

14 Plaintiff, )

15 v. )

16 MICHAEL SCOTT MORGAN, JR., et al., )  
17 )

18 Defendants. )  
19 )

20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

21 Plaintiff, )

22 v. )

23 WESLEY ARMSTRONG, )

24 BOBBY BEASLEY, )

25 CLEOPHUS SHEPARD, )

26 JIHAD ZEIGLER, )  
27 )

28 Defendants. )  
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NO. CR18-131RAJ

ORDER APPOINTING RUSSELL M.  
AOKI AS COORDINATING  
DISCOVERY ATTORNEY

NO. CR18-132RAJ

NO. CR18-144RAJ  
CR18-145RAJ  
CR18-147RAJ  
CR18-161RAJ

1 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Russell M. Aoki is appointed as Coordinating Discovery  
2 Attorney for court-appointed defense counsel.

3 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues that are  
4 common to all the defendants. His responsibilities will include:  
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- 6 • Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the Government, distributing  
7 discovery produced by the Government and relevant third party information common  
8 to all defendants;
- 9 • Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what types of technology  
10 should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are avoided and the most efficient  
11 and cost-effective methods are identified;
- 12 • Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and effective  
13 exchange of discovery;
- 14 • Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other litigation support  
15 services;
- 16 • Assessing the needs of individual parties and identifying any additional vendor  
17 support that may be required—including copying, scanning, forensic imaging, data  
18 processing, data hosting, trial presentation, and other technology depending on the  
19 nature of the case;
- 20 • Identifying any additional human resources that may be needed by the individual  
21 parties for the organization and substantive review of information;

22 Therefore, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall assess the most effective and cost-  
23 efficient manner to organize the discovery with input from defense counsel.

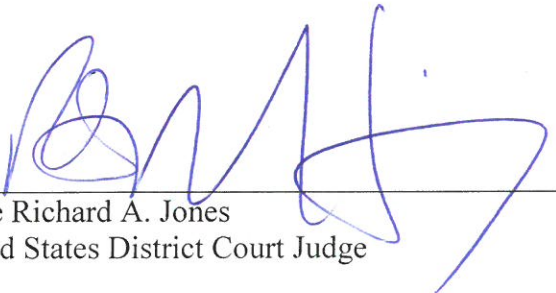
24 Discovery issues specific to any particular defendant shall be addressed by defense  
25 counsel directly with the Government and not through the Coordinating Discovery Attorney. The  
26 Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include providing additional representation  
27 services, and he therefore will not be establishing an attorney-client relationship with any of the  
28 defendants.

1 The Government shall provide discovery to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney unless  
2 otherwise agreed. To avoid delay in providing discovery to defense counsel, any additional  
3 discovery not already produced shall be provided directly to the Coordinating Discovery  
4 Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the discovery to all defense counsel. The  
5 Government shall work with the Coordinating Discovery Attorney to provide discovery in a  
6 timely manner.  
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8 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, ex parte, for funds for  
9 outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these services including confirming the  
10 work was as previously agreed. However, his time and the time spent by his staff will be paid by  
11 the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office. All petitions for outside  
12 services shall include a basis for the requested funds and a determination that the costs of the  
13 services are reasonable.  
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15 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall also provide this Court with monthly ex parte  
16 status reports depicting the status of work and if any third-party services are used, whether those  
17 services remain within the budget authorized by the Court.  
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19 DATED this 18 day of July, 2018.

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23 Judge Richard A. Jones  
24 United States District Court Judge  
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